

Senior Dental Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

1570 Grant St, Hibiscus Conference Room
October 8, 2019

1. Call to Order

Lonnie Johnson called the meeting to order at 2:02 pm

2. Roll Call

There were sufficient members for a quorum.

A. Members Present

Joan Eskens, Megan Wilson, Michael Wiley, Lonnie Johnson, Cassie Scott, Michelle Kohler, Leighanna Konetski

B. Members on the Phone

Karl Kohlgraf

C. Members Excused

Dana Turner, Glen Pfeifer, Whitney Janzen-Pankratz

D. Staff Present

Chandra Vital, Tracy Gonzales, Vincent Sherry, Taryan Graf

3. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the July 9, 2019 meeting were approved.

4. Graphs for FY 2018-19

- There was a slight increase in seniors served from FY 2017-18 to FY 2018-19

5. Program Payments (HB19-1326)

- Recommendations included
 - Match Medicaid's rates plus a 1% increase each fiscal year across the board

- Cons - the program is only allowing a 1% raise and not taking the cost of living increase into consideration.
- Under this recommendation, the overall percentage cut to the grantees would be 20%
 - Keep as is and increase at Medicaid's rates each year.
 - Only giving a 1% increase of the current rates that are at or below the current Medicaid rates.
- **Joan Eskens** motioned to keep D0120 to D4910 at the current payment and increase 1% D5110 to D9243 as a onetime increase.
- **Michael Wiley** motioned to modify Joan's motion to keep the program fees at the current payment rates and perform a rate review annually. Joan Eskens seconded. Motion failed.
- Motion tabled pending further discussion

6. Public Comment

Kelsey Creenan and Greg Hill from Colorado Dental Association (CDA) discussed the recommendations that CDA introduced at the September 9, 2019 meeting.

- Align at Child Health Plan Plus (CHP) rates for preventive and basic restorative codes except when the current program rate is already lower than CHP.
- Align at Medicaid rates for prosthodontics, oral surgery and some of the more complex procedures.

Matt Carlston, DDS pointed out that there are many dental offices that already accept the Medicaid rates and can provide quality care. Lower fees allow for more seniors to be treated.

7. Department Actions

The Department will provide information about the current waitlist, a map of Medicaid providers and create a short survey to send to grantees after getting the committees feedback.

8. The meeting was adjourned at 3:41 p.m.

The next scheduled meeting is at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 22, 2020 at 1570 Grant St. Denver, CO 80203, Hibiscus Conference Room

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